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TO: IMMEDIATE DIRECTOR.

FOR: LIMIT D/CPAS

SLUGS:

SUBJECT: EYES ONLY - FOR D/CPAS RESPONSES TO REF D/CPAS CABLE FROM

REF: A. DIRECTOR 620484 | 96 3022874 |  
B. DIRECTOR 622889 | 96 3036902 |

TEXT:

1. ACTION REQUIRED: NONE.

2. PER REFS, [REDACTED] PROVIDES  
RESPONSES KEYED TO REF A QUESTIONS.

I. FATHER CARNEY, THE OLANCHO OPERATION AND REYES MATA 1983-1984

A.

[REDACTED] IT WAS ALWAYS DESCRIBED AS A MAJOR COUNTERINSURGENCY OPERATION THAT WAS CONDUCTED BY HONDURAN ARMY FORCES AGAINST A COMMUNIST UNIT WHICH INFILTRATED FROM NICARAGUA. IT WAS KNOWN THAT A U.S. CLERGY WAS WITH THE GUERRILLAS AND THAT HE DIED FROM EXPOSURE WHEN THE GUERRILLA PATROL WAS LOST AND WITHOUT FOOD AND WATER SUPPORT AFTER COMBAT CONTACT WITH HONDURAN FORCES.

B. I NEVER MET A HONDURAN ARMY SPECIAL FORCES OFFICER NAMED ((VASQUEZ)) WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE OLANCHO OPERATION.

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C. TO MY KNOWLEDGE, I NEVER SAW ANY [REDACTED] TASKING  
TO FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED TO FATHER ((CARNEY)).

D. SEE ABOVE "A". NO FURTHER INFORMATION.

E. [REDACTED] I DO NOT KNOW OF ANY  
U.S. EMBASSY [REDACTED] INVESTIGATION INTO THE DISAPPEARANCE OF  
CARNEY. NFI.

F. I WAS TOLD THAT THE U.S. MILITARY ASSISTED IN  
TRANSPORTING HONDURAN SPECIAL FORCES TO THE OLANCHO AREA SO THAT THE  
HONDURANS WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO BLOCK A SANDINISTA FORCE THAT  
CROSSED INTO OLANCHO DURING 1983. NFI.

## II. STATE DEPARTMENT HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS

A. TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, A [REDACTED]  
UMAN RIGHTS REPORT WAS SUBMITTED YEARLY WITH RESPECT TO CONTRA HUMAN  
IGHTS ABUSES/ACTIVITIES. I NEVER ACTUALLY SAW IT OR CONTRIBUTED TO  
IT.

B. NO KNOWLEDGE TO THESE QUESTIONS.

C. NONE TO MY KNOWLEDGE.

D. I NEVER READ THE HUMAN RIGHTS YEARLY REPORT  
ORIGINATED FROM THE EMBASSY. I HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE THAT THE  
AMBASSADOR/EMBASSY WAS PRESSURED TO DOWNPLAY HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN  
THE REPORT.

## III. [REDACTED]

A. [REDACTED]

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B. [redacted]

C. [redacted]

#### IV. CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION AND POLITICIZATION

A. I AM NOT AWARE OF ANY CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATIONS VISITING HONDURAS WHO QUESTIONED ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES [redacted]

KNOW OF ANY HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES WHICH WERE NOT REPORTED OR HIDDEN FROM CONGRESS/HQS/POLICYMAKERS. [redacted] I DO NOT

B. N/A.

#### V. HONDURAN SECURITY/INTELLIGENCE SERVICE INVOLVEMENT IN HUMAN RIGHTS INCIDENTS

A. [redacted]

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B. IT WAS COMMON KNOWLEDGE THAT THE 316TH INTELLIGENCE BATTALION HAD COMMITTED HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN THE EARLY/MID EIGHTIES. DURING THE MID-EIGHTIES THE NAME WAS CHANGED TO CI BATTALION AND SELECTED OFFICERS WERE RELIEVED/TRANSFERRED FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES. [REDACTED] THE POLICE DNI WAS ALWAYS SUSPECTED OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES. [REDACTED] THE DNI HAD A POOR REPUTATION THAT LASTS TO THIS DAY.

C. [REDACTED]

D. NONE TO MY KNOWLEDGE.

E. I HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE ANTI-COMMUNIST LIBERATION ARMY IN HONDURAS.

2. [REDACTED]

CL BY [REDACTED]

END OF MESSAGE

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